

LETTER SENT BY USPS TO EACH DEMOCRATIC DELEGATE



I am running for chair!

Consider voting for change!

The 2025 County Committee Organizing Meeting is scheduled for 7:00pm on Monday, September 29, 2025 at the United Palace at 4140 Broadway.



Rosa Delegate
Democratic County Committee member for the 1st ED in the 71st AD
100 Any Street
New York, NY 100XX

New York, September 9, 2025

Dear Rosa,

My name is Theo Chino, and if you are receiving this letter, it is because you are one of the 1,654 democrats elected to the County Committee.

You are invited on **September 29th at 7:00 pm** to the **United Palace (4140 Broadway at 175th Street)** for the biannual statutory meeting, where you will elect the Chair and the entire executive board of the Manhattan Democratic Party.

I am running for Chair, and I am a Socialist.

If you have never heard much about the County Committee before, it may be because someone in your local Democratic club recognized you as a pillar of your community and entrusted you with this honor.

To better understand the role, I encourage you to watch the PBS documentary *County*: https://pbs.org/show/county.

What is a Socialist?

We Socialists believe in a society where government ensures free education and universal healthcare, opposes the death penalty, supports abortion rights, guarantees a universal basic income, upholds the right to unionize, protects the separation of church and state, and affirms that its fundamental role is to make life bearable for all while safeguarding individual liberties.

As Socialists, we are part of the broad Left—alongside Greens, Communists, Anarchists, and the Mélenchonists (Democratic Socialists of America).

The Left stretches as far as Elizabeth Warren.

Further to our right lies Liberalism, which belongs to the Right. Over the years, as the Republican Party was pushed further toward the extreme right, liberals left the GOP and were welcomed into the Democratic Party.

Why this matters? Politics is not complicated. Your vote will shape the direction of the Democratic Party for generations.

We face a choice: either watch the Republican Party slide deeper into fascism, or work with the Liberal wing of the Democratic Party to restore Republicans to their historic role as the Right in American politics.

As a practical example, I am also running for Congress in NY-13, a safe Democratic district. I am recruiting candidates of all kinds to run for this seat, using **Rep My Block**—a free tool that gives all candidates the same resources I use myself.

This is how I align principle with practice, and it is how I will lead the Manhattan Democratic Party if elected Chair: by organizing and governing in a transparent, practical way. I hope to earn your vote.

To run the meeting, I would like to ask you to vote for Rosa Diaz as Temporary Chair.

Please join us on **Wednesday, September 24, at 6:30 p.m**. at the 56th and Madison Atrium (**590 Madison Avenue**) to learn more about our candidacies and discuss the future of our Democratic party.

Feel free to reach me at (212) 694-9968.

In solidarity,

Hasta la victoria, ¡siempre!

Theo Chillo

Candidate for Chair of the Democratic Party



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Help us bring democracy back to the Democratic Party!

WE NEED YOU TO VOTE YES ON A ADJOURNEMENT TO 9:01 PM

We want to hold a public debate tonight where you can ask questions directly to the candidates running for County Committee Chair.

Only you, as County Committee members, can demand a temporary adjournment and an open, live forum on the stage tonight.

This is your chance to hear **how we, the Socialist team, believe the Democratic Party should be run**—transparently, democratically, and with accountability to the grassroots.

After the debate, you'll have the opportunity to vote using your proxy.

- If you support our team and our vision, you can sign the Socialist proxy form.
- If you prefer the opposing slate, you can assign your proxy to another candidate.

The **SDA team values your time**. We will not ask you to stay late. You can hear from both sides, **sign your proxy**, and leave if you wish. The rest of the agenda will be handled afterward by proxy vote according to your wishes.

Why does this matter?

Since 2017, establishment leadership has repeatedly used procedural tactics to **silence dissent** and **mischaracterize SDA members**. We believe in open debate, not backroom decisions. We believe **you deserve to hear from the candidates directly** and decide for yourself.

You have a simple choice tonight:

- Do you want a Democratic Party that's truly democratic?
- Do you want to ask questions and hear from your candidates before voting?

If the answer is **YES**, then please vote **YES** to adjourn the meeting until **9:01 PM**. Let's bring the debate—and democracy—back to our Party.

You must vote for Rosa Diaz as Temporary Chair!
And you must vote YES on adjournment.



The 2025 Social Democratic Team 🦥





ROSA DIAZ: A mother, a community leader, an advocate for the underserved

Originally from Peru, Rosa has extensive experience as a community volunteer and advocate. For nearly two decades, she has worked as a bilingual paralegal at the Law Office of Terilli & Tintle, supporting clients and educating others about their legal and human rights. She has also collaborated with numerous nonprofit organizations to advance community advocacy efforts.

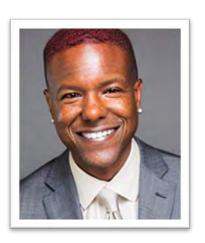
For the past ten years, Rosa has coordinated the **Cada Paso / Every Step Program** in East Harlem, a community initiative that helps children and parents stay physically active, build social connections, and learn about available local services—including education resources, financial institutions, healthcare providers, and food pantries. Rosa currently serves as the **Secretary of Community Board 11** in East Harlem.

ENRICO ZANON: Hands-on, resolute, and results-oriented professional

Born in the province of Padua, he graduated in Economics from the University of Venice at the age of 25. His career has been dedicated to corporate finance and business development, beginning in Italy and, since 2011, continuing in New York. He currently serves as Retail and Operations Director for an Italian cosmetics brand.

Beyond his professional work, Enrico has dedicated 20 years to Scouting and 25 years to the Italian Alpine Club. Deeply engaged in politics, he has always been active in party work and served as Secretary of the Italian Democratic Party chapter in New York for four years.

Enrico lives in Harlem with his wife, Alice.



<u>PAPER LOVE PRINCE</u>: Artist, Business Owner, and Candidate for Assembly in AD54

Paperboy Love Prince is a Brooklyn-based artist, entrepreneur, and visionary political leader. They blend politics and performance to champion grassroots activism, mutual aid, and community empowerment.

A graduate of the University of Maryland, they also studied abroad in Spain, deepening their global perspective. Paperboy's movement combines art, activism, and radical love to reimagine a more just and inclusive New York City.

Paperboy has been featured in major publications including *Rolling Stone*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Harvard Political Review*, and *The New Yorker* for their impactful and unconventional approach to politics.







My name is Theo Chino-Tavarez, and I am a Socialist. On the other side of this form, you will find the Socialist proxy form **designating Rosa Diaz** or **Enrico Zanon** to act on your behalf after 9 p.m.

If you sign it, hand it to the **Social Democrats of America** or **Global Greens USA** table.

Donald Trump has been able to rise with **his fascist policies** by exploiting the negativity attached to the words **Socialism**, **Communism**, and **Anarchism**.

Since 2015, I have been publicly writing and speaking about the need to change how we in the United States understand those words. Following Bernie's footsteps, I chose to openly state my politics for what they are: Socialist.

I have been a card-carrying Socialist since 2004. When I served on my community board, the chair—who was a Republican—publicly praised Spanish fascist dictator Franco and declared that in the United States, Socialists like me should be shot.

At the time, I did not fully grasp the violence behind those words. Today, however, we clearly see the danger of how normalized that rhetoric has become—and why Donald Trump was able to become our president.

If we want to fight fascism, we must think outside the box.

By turning in this Socialist proxy, you are sending a powerful message to the world: here in Manhattan, we will not tolerate fascism, and we are ready to learn about Socialism. We will think creatively, reclaim our political parties, and chart a new course for our country.

That will require us to participate and recruit across Manhattan—inviting Liberals and moderates to take control of the Republican Party, while we Social Democrats reclaim the Democratic Party. Together, we must ensure that both parties represent the will of Manhattanites, not just the interests of a handful of billionaires.

This proxy form is the first step in that direction.

You will see us walking around, so don't hesitate to flag us down. On the reverse side, you will find the universal definition of Socialism.

For the past ten years, I have openly challenged scholars to debate me on this definition—yet none have accepted. **Socialism can only be defined by Socialists**, and the old, erroneous formula of "collectivization of the means of production," peddled by American media, right-wing scholars and Donald Trump, **is not the current definition of** Socialism.

Socialism:

A Socialist society is one in which the government provides free education and universal healthcare, opposes the death penalty, supports abortion rights, ensures a universal basic income, upholds the right to unionize, protects the separation of church and state, and affirms that its fundamental role is to make life bearable for all while safeguarding individual liberties.



New York County Democratic Party

PROXY

I hereby designate **Rosa Diaz / Enrico Zanon** as my proxy to vote and otherwise act in my behalf at the **September 29**th, **2025** New York County Democratic County Committee for the purpose of organization, adoption of rules, filing any vacancy in a Democratic Party nomination that may then exist and the transaction of such other business as may properly completed before the meeting according to the number of votes I should be entitled to cast if then personally present.

	9/29/2025
Signature	Date
Print Name	Current Time
Telephone Number	 AD/ED

Please print your name and include your cell phone number so we can reach you.



DOCUMENTS POSTED ON DEMOCRATIC PARTY WEBSITE



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The following individuals have submitted responses to our online form, expressing their intention to seek an Officer position at the 2025 New York County Committee Organizing Meeting. In order to be duly nominated as a candidate, one must be nominated and seconded by motions from the floor during the Organzing Meeting on Monday, September 29, 2025.

CHAIRPERSON

• Theo Chino

1. Why are you running, and what do you hope to do if elected to the position?

I am running again because we must take bold steps to make ours the most inclusive party. Many of the ideas I have already put forward have been implemented, but the boldest reforms remain unfinished.

The Democratic Party of Manhattan must be neutral in organizing primaries and must guarantee #EqualTime for every candidate. Each club should extend that same #EqualTime to every Democrat seeking office.

If elected, I will ensure that every candidate has a platform where club leadership can hear directly from them before making endorsements. I will also guarantee that every candidate for office has a fair opportunity to meet with the County Committee—and that every member of the County Committee has the chance to meet every candidate.

This is how we build trust, fairness, and true democracy inside our party.

- 2. What in your experience or background do you believe makes you best-qualified for the position? My forty years of experience navigating among all types of leftist traditions has equipped me to better negotiate the integration of the many factions that make up our Democratic Party.
- 3. What actions or involvement have you had with the Manhattan Democratic Party to-date? I have run for Chair of the Manhattan Democratic Party continuously since 2017, and nearly every proposal I put forward—except one—has since been enacted by the County.

For years, I pushed for transforming our website to provide better resources and greater lead time for members. Both of these improvements have now been implemented, but it is still not enough.

If we truly want our party to grow and achieve victory, it is not enough to say that everyone with progressive values is welcome—we must prove it with action.

Kyle Ishmael

1. Why are you running, and what do you hope to do if elected to the position?
I'm running to be Chair of the New York County Democratic Committee because I believe our borough must serve as a shining example of a modern Democratic Party that is organized, responsive and principled. We must do the necessary work to understand what binds us together as Democrats, respond to the needs of our communities, and be organized in our ability to reach voters. At a time

when trust in institutions is low, our Party must focus on strengthening the Democratic brand. I look forward to doing that as Chair by building an infrastructure that plays to our strengths as a solid blue sea wall for our city and state. We'll expand our organizing and fundraising efforts so that we can be supportive of efforts to rebuild our democracy, and we'll always lean in to opportunities educate the electorate.

- 2. What in your experience or background do you believe makes you best-qualified for the position? Having served as Executive Director for the last seven years, I understand our Party and our potential. As an attorney and experienced manager, I've worked to be a good steward of our rules, our democracy, and our volunteer, public servants who do this unglamourous work of managing our Party -- particularly when more and more people are under threat by a fascist federal government. I've built trusted relationships across our county because I believe in responsive governing that is honest and meets people where they are. I believe we need leadership that aggressively seeks results for our communities; thus I seek to lead a Party that moves boldly to support those candidates. As someone uniquely skilled at building coalitions, I'm excited to do that work throughout our county in the role of Chair.
- 3. What actions or involvement have you had with the Manhattan Democratic Party to-date? Twenty years ago -- as a twenty-year old St. John's University kid on summer break -- I learned firsthand I could obtain a list of my neighbors registered as Democrats, write them each a letter asking them to support me for County Committee (whatever that was) and be elected as a Party Official. That planted seed has only grown, and I have proudly served as Executive Director of the Manhattan Democratic Party since my appointment by County Leader Keith L.T. Wright in 2018.

SECRETARY

Barry Weinberg

- 1. Why are you running, and what do you hope to do if elected to the position?

 I am running to continue fulfilling my responsibilities of maintaining our party records and ensuring that we are as transparent and accessible as possible while complying with New York State Election Law and our Party Rules and Regulations. At a time when it is critical for our party to be resisting fascism and providing an alternative vision for a more equitable and humane future for America, it is imperative that our party organization can engage and integrate new activists while fighting on every legal and electoral front.
- 2. What in your experience or background do you believe makes you best-qualified for the position? I have served as the Secretary of the New York County Democratic Committee since 2019, and I previously served as the County's Executive Director from 2017 to 2019. Over the past 8 years, I have run four County Committee Organizing Meetings, nine Judicial Conventions, and ten District Committee Meetings where we have nominated individuals to run on the Democratic Party line in a special election. These meetings are critical to the functioning of our party, and require extensive and complex notice requirements, meeting preparations, recordkeeping, and filings with the Board of Elections. I also served as the Director of the Manhattan Young Democrats' Open Seat Project, recruiting young people to run for County Committee and reinvigorate our party.

3. What actions or involvement have you had with the Manhattan Democratic Party to-date? In addition to serving as our County Party Secretary and the MYD Open Seat Project Director, I have been a member of the West Harlem Progressive Democratic Club since 2015, where I have served in various roles, including President and Treasurer. I also serve as a member of the Board of Directors for the Jim Owles Liberal Democratic Club, a citywide left-wing LGBTQ Democratic Club. I have volunteered or worked for numerous Democratic election campaigns, including efforts to unseat members of the so-called Independent Democratic Conference, a group of State Senators elected on the Democratic party line who voted to keep Republicans in power in the State Senate despite the Democrats holding a numeric majority.

TREASURER

• Charlette Mimiasie

- 1. Why are you running, and what do you hope to do if elected to the position? I am seeking the position of treasurer because I am committed to serving our organization with integrity and responsibility. My interest in this role stems from a desire to ensure our financial resources are managed efficiently and transparently. If elected as treasurer, I hope to maintain accurate financial records, provide clear reports to members, and support the organization's goals through careful budgeting and oversight. I aim to foster trust and accountability in all financial matters.
- 2. What in your experience or background do you believe makes you best-qualified for the position? Accounting and finance professional with strong experience in financial analysis, general accounting, variance analysis, cash disbursement management, and software conversions. Proficient in multiple reporting software platforms.
- 3. What actions or involvement have you had with the Manhattan Democratic Party to-date? Current Treasurer

VICE TREASURER

• Paula Diamond Roman

1. Why are you running, and what do you hope to do if elected to the position? I'm running for Vice Treasurer because I believe transparency, accountability, and efficiency are essential to keeping the Manhattan Democrats strong and growing. My experience managing budgets, coordinating fundraising efforts, and keeping costs under control has prepared me to support the Treasurer in maintaining accurate financial records and ensuring every dollar is used strategically to advance our mission.

If elected, I will partner closely with the Treasurer to make financial reporting clearer and more accessible, so County Committee members and District Leaders can easily see how our funds are allocated. I will explore new tools to simplify revenue tracking, strengthen our financial systems, and work with the Executive Board to ensure we are positioned to meet both immediate needs and future challenges. I am also eager to collaborate with the Fundraising Committee to grow our fundraising capacity and identify new revenue sources that will expand our reach and impact.

2. What in your experience or background do you believe makes you best-qualified for the position? I bring experience in financial management, record-keeping, and data organization from my personal, professional, and volunteer life. In college and graduate school, I worked several bookkeeping jobs, which taught me the importance of accuracy and accountability. Professionally, I've served as both a Data Coordinator and a Research Analyst, where keeping precise records and presenting detailed information were essential parts of my work. In my personal life, I manage my family's expenses through a detailed Excel spreadsheet that helps us track bills, anticipate costs, and stay on budget. Within the Broadway Democrats, I have maintained the membership database at various points, worked with our Treasurers, and been involved with our fundraisers — always with an eye on keeping costs down while growing revenue.

Perhaps my greatest strength as a support for the Treasure is my love of organizing information in ways that are clear, visual, and accessible to different stakeholders I believe information is only valuable if it can be easily understood and used. (I especially enjoy designing color-coded charts and tables that help make sense of revenue streams and expenditures!) I also believe strongly in planning for a secure financial future. By keeping excellent records, streamlining processes, and helping to grow our fundraising, I want to make sure we can keep improving County Committee meetings and Judicial Conventions, invest in key issue and political campaigns, and meet the growing needs of Manhattan Democrats.

3. What actions or involvement have you had with the Manhattan Democratic Party to-date? I have been a District Leader for a number of years, representing the northern portion of the 69th A.D. under both our current County Leader and the previous one. I have served on the Rules Committee for a while, and I'm currently Vice-Chair of the County Committee Task Force. Most recently, I completed a term as Sergeant-at-Arms, and I have also had the honor of serving as a Delegate to a Democratic National Convention. I know that things are incredibly challenging right now but I remain convinced that the Democratic Party is our most powerful vehicle for achieving meaningful change.

1ST VICE CHAIR

Mariama James

- 1. Why are you running, and what do you hope to do if elected to the position?

 I'm currently in the role and have helped to mediate situations, facilitate divisional meetings, chair divisional meetings and have participated in workshops supporting our roles in the judicial process most recently AI in the Courtroom. If reelected I hope to improve & increase my contributions to the success of the County Party and Democrats at large.
- 2. What in your experience or background do you believe makes you best-qualified for the position? I'm a loyal straight blue down ballot voter of over 35 years & a dedicated community advocate & activist of over two decades. I've been part of the PTA & SLT leadership at a number of Lower Manhattan public schools as well as Art & Design HS in Midtown where I was the PTA President for 3 years and the NYC Council of Principals & Administrators Parent Leader of the Year in 2011. I've been a member of CB1 for 15+ years beginning as a public member of Youth & Ed and WTC redevelopment and today am the Board Treasurer & Co-chair of QoL. I'm also a member of the

Board at Sophie Gerson Healthy Youth where I'm the Chair of the Government Relations Committee and help to run the organization and to fundraise for the purpose of sending an average of 125 - 150 underprivileged middle school students to a week of summer sleep-away camp. Additionally I'm a member of the WTC Survivor Steering Committee and the WTC STAC (Scientific Technical Advisory Committee) both of which are required to exist under the Zadroga Law which provides 9/11 Survivors & First Responders with healthcare and compensation for their 9/11 conditions and of which I was instrumental in the creation, passage, reauthorization, expansion and now permanent funding through 2090 when the WTC Program terminates. My professional background and formal education are in Accounting from banking to having been a Controller at a manufacturing company and I also have a SUNY certification in Manufacturing Management meaning I'm qualified to run a plant or warehouse meaning I have strong proficiency and experience in planning, logistics and project management.

3. What actions or involvement have you had with the Manhattan Democratic Party to-date? I'm a Lower Manhattan DL in AD 65 Part C which is FiDi, the Seaport, part of Chinatown, part of Little Italy and Part of Loisaida and I'm currently in the role of 1st Vice Chair as well as Vice Chair of the Executive Committee recently reelected.

2ND VICE CHAIR

• John Wahlmeier

- 1. Why are you running, and what do you hope to do if elected to the position?

 I'm running because I believe every New Yorker deserves a safe home and the freedom to live authentically, and I've devoted my career and community leadership to advancing those goals. As Vice President of the Stonewall Democratic Club, I've worked closely with legislators to champion LGBTQ rights and ensure our community's voice is heard in shaping policy. Professionally, I've led efforts in housing policy and disaster recovery that centered equity, helping families secure stable housing and ensuring resources reached those most in need. I hope to be elected to continue fighting for LGBTQ equality and to expand access to affordable, resilient housing so that our city is not only more inclusive, but also stronger and fairer for everyone.
- 2. What in your experience or background do you believe makes you best-qualified for the position? I am best qualified for this position because I combine deep engagement in my Upper West Side community with a proven record of leadership across Manhattan. As Democratic District Leader for the 67th Assembly District, I have built strong relationships with neighbors, block associations, and local organizations, advocating for housing affordability, equity, and community empowerment. At the same time, my service as Vice President of the Stonewall Democratic Club and as a member of the New York County Democratic Party's executive board has given me countywide experience collaborating with diverse stakeholders and advancing progressive policies. This blend of neighborhood-level connection and borough-wide leadership uniquely positions me to serve effectively as Vice Chair of the Manhattan Democratic Party, ensuring our values of equity, inclusion, and justice are at the forefront of the Party's work.
- **3.** What actions or involvement have you had with the Manhattan Democratic Party to-date? I am the incumbent District Leader in the 67th AD-part B. In that capacity, I have served on the

Manhattan Democratic Party's Rules Committee and County Committee Task Force.

3RD VICE CHAIR

Johanna Garcia

- 1. Why are you running, and what do you hope to do if elected to the position?

 I'm running for 3rd Vice Chair to strengthen how our Party supports district leaders, County Committee members, and grassroots activists. My goal is to make our structures more effective, transparent, and responsive—so we can organize smarter and win stronger. I'll prioritize improving communication across districts, mentoring emerging leaders, and ensuring our Party reflects Manhattan's diversity. Equity and justice will remain central- not as slogans, but as guiding principles for how we govern, mobilize, and expand our reach.
- 2. What in your experience or background do you believe makes you best-qualified for the position? I currently serve as 3rd Vice Chair and Chief of Staff to a State Senator, where I manage legislation, budgets, and coalitions that deliver real results. I've led efforts to pass statewide reforms, helped candidates and organizers build effective campaigns, and guided diverse teams through complex challenges. My career blends high-level strategy with deep community work- whether advancing policy at the Capitol or mobilizing neighbors on the ground. That mix of political expertise, organizational skill, and equity-driven leadership makes me well-suited for this role.
- 3. What actions or involvement have you had with the Manhattan Democratic Party to-date? I co-founded Uptown Community Democrats, recruited and supported County Committee members, and helped organize petitioning and get-out-the-vote efforts across Manhattan. I've worked alongside district leaders, partnered with community groups and unions, and built volunteer pipelines that strengthen our Party's reach. My approach has always been collaborative and pragmatic: connect people, share resources, and expand participation. At the same time, I push for equity and inclusivity, ensuring our Party represents the full diversity of Manhattan's communities while staying focused on winning elections.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS